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1. SUMMARY: FIRST 6 MONTHS STATISTICS FOR PRODUCTION OF VARIOUS FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS REPORTED TODAY'S CENTRAL PRESS. FIGURES REPORTED REFLECT UPTRENDS IN MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCTS AND OFF-FARM INPUTS TO AGRICULTURE COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD OF 1976. BASIS ANNOUNCED RESULTS, OUTLOOK IS GOOD THAT 1977 MEAT PRODUCTION GOAL FOR FOOD INDUSTRY OF 9.8 MILLION METRIC TONS (MMT) WILL BE REACHED OR EXCEEDED. SEPARATE CABLE BEING SUBMITTED ON OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERESTINGLY, MEAT PRODUCTION THROUGH FIRST HALF 1977 IS REPORTED AT 11 PERCENT ABOVE CORRESPONDING PERIOD 1976. HOWEVER, CURRENT PRODUCTION LEVEL STILL 2 AND 9 PERCENT UNDER SAME PERIOD 1974 AND 1975, RESPECTIVELY.

3. WITH GREATER NUMBERS OF CATTLE AND POULTRY ON HAND, AS COMPARED WITH 1974-76 PERIOD, AGATT OFFICE BELIEVES
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SOVIETS STAND EXCELLENT CHANCE OF EXCEEDING 1974 MEAT PRODUCTION LEVELS AND A GOOD CHANCE OF REACHING 1977 GOALS OF 9.8 MMT (9.367 MMT). IN FACT, 1977 MEAT PRODUCTION COULD APPROACH 1975 RECORD YEAR PRODUCTION LEVEL OF 9.862 - ASSUMING, OF COURSE, A CONTINUATION OF CURRENT GOOD GRAZING AND FORAGE CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS ADEQUATE GRAIN AND MIXED FEED SUPPLIES FOR BALANCE 1977.

4. WHILE FIRST HALF 1977 VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCTION IS APPROXIMATELY 8 PERCENT OVER 1976 LEVELS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CURRENT PRODUCTION REMAINS 26 AND 22 PERCENT UNDER SAME PERIOD 1974 AND 1975. THUS THE RECOVERY IN PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE OIL HAS MUCH LOST GROUND TO YET REGAIN. GOOD TO EXCELLENT YIELDS IN 1977 OF OIL SEED CROPS SUCH AS SUNFLOWERS, SOYBEANS, FLAX ETC. WILL BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE RECOVERY.

5. USSR: PRODUCTION OF FOOD INDUSTRY - JAN THROUGH JUNE
(INCLUDING NON-CENTRALIZED PRODUCTION)

	1977	1977	1977		
	AS PCT.	AS PCT.	AS PCT.		
1977	1976	1976	1975	1974	

MEAT INCLUDING

OFFALS OF 1 ST CATEGORY FROM STATE RAW

MATERIAL RESOURCES

(MIL. TONS)	4.0	3.6	111.1	90.9	97.6
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SAUSAGE (KOLBASA)

(MIL. TONS)	1.4	1.4	100	102.1	N/A
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BUTTER FROM STATE

RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES

(THOUS. TONS)	697	579	120.4	115.4	111.2
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VEGETABLE OIL FROM

STATE RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES

(MIL. TONS)	1.4	1.3	107.7	77.8	73.7
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WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION

IN TERMS OF MILK

FROM STATE RAW

MATERIAL RESOURCES

(MIL. TONS)	12.4	11.9	104.2	99.2	105.1
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NOTE THAT AGATT OFFICE DATA INDICATES MEAT PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT WHEREAS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATED 9 PERCENT. ADDITIONALLY, REPORT SHOWS 1977 SAUSAGE OUTPUT APPROXIMATELY 3 PERCENT UNDER SAME PERIOD 1976. HOWEVER, AGATT OFFICE DATA REVEALS CURRENT YEAR PRODUCTION EQUAL TO PRODUCTION SAME PERIOD 1976.

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6. CENTRAL PRESS ARTICLE, AS INDICATED BELOW, REPORTS THAT
PROCUREMENTS OF ANIMALS (FOR MEAT), RAW MILK AND EGGS
ARE GREATER IN CURRENT YEAR THAN IN SAME PERIOD 1976
BY 9, 13 AND 13 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY.

USSR: STATE PURCHASES OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS - FIRST
SIX MONTHS 1977 WITH 1976 COMPARISON

	1976	1977	1977 AS PCT. 1976
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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY

LIVE WT. (MIL. TONS)	6.7	7.3	109
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MILK (MIL. TONS)	27.1	30.6	112.9
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EGGS (BIL. OF PIECES)	17.3	19.5	112.7
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7. PRODUCTION OF MILK, EGGS AND MEAT IN SOCIALIZED SECTOR
WAS UP 12, 13 AND 12 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY FOR FIRST
SIX MONTHS OF 1977 AS COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD OF 1976.

8. AS OF JUNE 15 STATE PROCUREMENTS OF HAY, HAYLAGE AND
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GRASS MEAL WERE LARGER THAN ON SAME DATE OF PREVIOUS YEAR.

9. ALL ANIMAL NUMBERS IN SOCIALIZED SECTOR (STATE, COLLECTIVE AND INTERFARM COMPLEXES) AS OF JULY 1, 1977 SHOWED INCREASES WHEN COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976 (SEE FOLLOWING TABLE). UNFORTUNATELY, USE OF NEW REPORTING BASIS WHICH APPARENTLY INCLUDED INTERFARM COMPLEX LIVESTOCK HAS SKEWED NUMBERS FOR 1976, MAKING COMPARISONS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, CURRENT HOG NUMBERS WHILE GREATER THAN JULY 1, 1976 (UP 5.4 MILLION HEAD), STILL REMAIN 1.7 AND 2.8 MILLION HEAD UNDER SAME PERIOD 1974 AND 1975. ADDITIONALLY SHEEP AND GOAT NUMBERS, ALTHOUGH 3.1 MILLION HEAD GREATER THAN IN 1976, REMAIN 1.1 AND 2.1 MILLION HEAD UNDER 1974 AND 1975. ON THE OTHER HAND, CATTLE NUMBERS ARE UP 6.2, 3.7 AND 1 MILLION HEAD FOR SAME TIME FRAME 1974-76 PERIOD. PERHAPS BIGGEST SUCCESS STORY IN SOVIET LIVESTOCK PICTURE IN 1977 IS RECOVERY OF POULTRY NUMBERS. POULTRY NUMBERS AS OF JULY 1, 1977 ARE UP 87.4 MILLION HEAD FROM JULY 1, 1976 LEVELS (SEE FOLLOWING TABLE). THIS IS A NEW RECORD FOR SOCIALIZED SECTOR.

10. USSR: LIVESTOCK & POULTRY NUMBERS ON STATE & COLLECTIVE FARMS & INTERFARM COMPLEXES AS OF JULY 1, 1977

	1977		
	JULY 1	JULY 1	AS PCT.
	1976	1977	1976

TOTAL CATTLE	89.2	90.2	101.1
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OF WHICH, COWS	28.3	28.8	101.8
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HOGS	47.4	52.8	111.4
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SHEEP & GOATS	141.6	144.7	102.2
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POULTRY	509.6	597.0	117.2
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11. TOTAL CULTIVATED ACREAGE FOR 1977 IS INDICATED TO BE 217.4 MILLION HECTARES, OF WHICH 131.4 MILLION HECTARES WAS PLANTED IN GRAINS. PLANTINGS OF WHEAT, OATS, BUCKWHEAT, MILLET, RICE, COTTON AND SUGAR BEETS IN 1977 IS REPORTED TO BE LARGER THAN IN 1976 -- SEE SEP TOFAS. ALSO DRAINED AND IRRIGATED AREAS INDICATED TO BE LARGER IN 1977.

12. FERTILIZER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE IN FIRST 6 MONTHS WAS
38.3 MILLION TONS WHICH IS 700,000 TONS GREATER THAN
CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976.

13. PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALLY PRODUCED FEED ADDITIVES STOOD
AT 1.521 MILLION TONS -- 130,000 TONS OVER 1976 LEVELS.

14. DURING FIRST HALF 1977 POULTRY COMPLEXES WERE COMPLETED
TO HOUSE 1.3 MILLION LAYING HENS AND BROILER HOUSES
COMPLETED WITH A YEARLY CAPACITY OF 7.5 MILLION HEAD.

15. DURING FIRST 6 MONTHS HOUSING WAS CONSTRUCTED FOR 1.7
MILLION HEAD OF LIVESTOCK. STORAGE FACILITIES WERE
CONSTRUCTED TO HANDLE 300,000 TONS OF FERTILIZERS, HERBICIDES,
ETC. ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS.

16. THE FIRST HALF OF 1977 FOUND 320,000 HECTARES OF NEWLY
IRRIGATED LAND BEING BROUGHT INTO PRODUCTION, ALONG WITH
300,000 HECTARES OF NEWLY DRAINED LAND AND 3 MILLION
HECTARES OF NEWLY IRRIGATED PASTURE LAND.

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